

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/542,487 is a continuation-in-part and further claims the benefit of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/126,580, filed July 30, 1998 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents", ^{now 6351551 and is a continuation} which claims the benefit of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/573,392, ^{filed 12-5-95} which was issued on August 4, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,790,697 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Discriminating and Counting Documents".

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,423 claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/018,563 filed May 29, 1996 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification and Authentication", 60/034,954 filed January 16, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing", and 60/038,340 filed February 27, 1997 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Processing."

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/864,423 is a continuation-in-part and further claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/800,053, ^{filed 2/14/97} which was issued on November 30, 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,992,601 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Document Identification and Authentication". --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-163 as originally filed in the parent application without prejudice.

Please add new claims 164-261.

~~164. A compact, high-speed United States currency evaluation device for receiving a stack of currency bills and rapidly evaluating all the bills in the stack, the device comprising:~~
an input receptacle adapted to receive a stack of United States currency bills of a plurality of denominations to be evaluated;
two or more output receptacles adapted to receive the bills after the bills have been evaluated;
a transport mechanism adapted to transport the bills, one at a time, along a transport path from the input receptacle to the output receptacles at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute;
a discriminating unit adapted to count and denominate the bills including United States bills of a plurality of denominations at a rate of at least 800 bills per minute, the discriminating unit including a detector positioned along the transport path between the input receptacle and the output receptacles; and